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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 December 2007.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1,2 and 4-9 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) 6-9 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1,2,4,5 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable in view of McDaid 6,317,936. McDaid teaches a portable device lock such as for a computer comprising a block lock body 70 (Figure 3) having a rectangular cavity 74 formed therein with an undercut along approximately 180 degrees of one side thereof, a circular ribbed attachment member 44 having a circular rib 60 extending such that it fits into the undercut portion of the block body, and further provided with a hook latch member 22 and key operated device 54 for engaging a computer. McDaid fails to teach a block body having a circular or oblong cavity. A change in shape of a structure is generally considered to be within the level of ordinary skill in the art, therefore, to change the shape of the McDaid cavity from rectangular to oblong would have been considered an obvious matter of design choice.

3. Claims 2 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over McDaid '936 in view of Myers 5,127,244 or Lee 5,913,907. McDaid fails to teach a push-in type lock for use with the key operated lock device. Both Myers and Lee teach

conventional push-in type locks for use with a hook type latching member. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the device of McDaid by providing a push-in type lock as taught by either Myers or Lee as an obvious matter of design choice in substituting one type of lock for another.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments filed 12/26/07 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Firstly, it is noted that applicant is correct in assuming that the rejection in paragraph 6 should have been claims 2 and 5, rather than 1 and 5, since claims 2 and 5 recite the push-in lock. Secondly, it is noted that since applicant has failed to discuss the subject matter of the previous rejection under 35 USC 112 and has simply deleted the confusing language, it is assumed that the key-operated device is the latch member 12 locking device 14. Further, contrary to applicant's arguments at the end of page 5 of the remarks, McDaid '936 clearly teaches a key operated lock device (screw 54 operated by a tool, i.e. a "key"). In addition, in view of the numerous configurations contemplated by McDaid (see col. 5 of McDaid), it would have been an obvious matter of design choice to modify the block body shape of McDaid as previously discussed. Accordingly, claims 1,2,4,5 stand rejected.

Conclusion

5. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Suzanne Dino Barrett whose telephone number is 571-272-7053. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 8:30-7:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Patricia Engle can be reached on 571-272-6660. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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